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SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH THE GOJ HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED WHAT TYPE OF
FUNERAL--STATE, CABINET OR (LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC) PARTY--WILL BE HELD
FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER EISAKU SATO, THIS MESSAGE DISCUSSES PAST
PRECEDENTS AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE US PARTICIPATION.
END SUMMARY.

1. FORMER JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER (1964-1972) EISAKU SATO DIED
JUNE 3 IN TOKYO (REF A). A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER (1974), SATO
WAS THROUGHOUT HIS LONG SERVICE AS PRIME MINISTER A STAUNCH FRIEND
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OF THE UNITED STATES. A CONSISTENT AND OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE OF STRONG

US-JAPANESE TIES AND OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY; HE DID MUCH TO DAMPEN JAPANESE CRITICISM OF US MILITARY ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WAS, OF COURSE, DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGREEMENTS WHICH LED TO OKINAWA'S REVERSION TO JAPAN. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PRESENT NORTHEAST ASIA SECURITY CONCERNS, FOR US ATTENDANCE AT SATO'S FUNERAL TO BE AS IMPRESSIVE AS POSSIBLE, CONSISTENT WITH PROTOCOL CONSIDERATIONS HERE AND AVAILABILITIES IN WASHINGTON.

2. THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE TYPES OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LATE PRIME MINISTER:

(A) A STATE FUNERAL WITH SUBSTANTIAL OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION;
(B) A CABINET FUNERAL FOR WHICH THERE IS NO POSTWAR PRECEDENT BUT WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE SOME OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION;
OR (C) A PARTY FUNERAL, SPONSORED BY THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT REQUIRE OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION. DISCUSSION OF PAST PRECEDENTS FOR THESE TYPES OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE US ATTENDANCE FOLLOW.

3. STATE FUNERAL. ONLY STATE FUNERAL IN POSTWAR JAPAN WAS THAT FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER SHIGERU YOSHIDA. YOSHIDA DIED OCTOBER 20, 1967, AND STATE FUNERAL WAS HELD SEVEN DAYS LATER. OVERSEAS DELEGATIONS FROM ELEVEN NATIONS, INCLUDING WEST GERMANY, UK, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, ROC, ROK, INDIA, PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIA ATTENDED, MOSTLY AT FORMER PRIME MINISTER OR CURRENT CABINET MINISTER LEVEL. US DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY SENATOR JOHN SPARKMAN AND INCLUDED GENERAL RIDGEWAY AND SENATOR TOWER. (VP HUMPHREY WAS THEN ATTENDING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IN SVN).

4. WE BELIEVE CHANCES OF STATE FUNERAL FOR SATO ARE LESS THAN 50-50, BUT IN VIEW OF SATO'S IMPRESSIVE RECORD IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED HERE. IF HELD, OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO ATTEND. IT WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY IMPRESSIVE IF THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD HEAD THE US DELEGATION, CONSIDERING THE HIGH ESTEEM IN WHICH HE IS HELD IN THIS COUNTRY. IF THE FACT THAT SATO WAS NOT A HEAD OF STATE WOULD MAKE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE INAPPROPRIATE HOWEVER, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE

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CHIEF JUSTICE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HEAD THE DELEGATION. WE RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION ALSO BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING IN THE DELEGATION SUCH PERSONAGES AS SENATOR HUGH SCOTT, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, FORMER SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND RECENT AMBASSADORS TO JAPAN REISCHAUER (IF HE IS ABLE TO TRAVEL), JOHN AND MEYER.

5. CABINET FUNERAL. THERE IS NO POSTWAR PRECEDENT FOR THIS

TYPE OF FUNERAL, BUT PRESUMABLY IT WOULD FALL MIDWAY BETWEEN FORMAL CHARACTER OF A STATE FUNERAL AND THE SEMI-PRIVATE NATURE OF A PARTY FUNERAL. THIS TYPE OF FUNERAL WOULD WEAKEN THE CASE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT HEADING THE USS DELEGATION BUT, ASSUMING PROTOCOL CONSIDERATIONS HERE WOULD PERMIT HIS ATTENDANCE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS POSSIBILITY WOULD STILL RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS OTHERWISE WOULD BE THE SAME AS FOR A STATE FUNERAL, ASSUMING AGAIN THAT PROTOCOL CONSIDERATIONS AND THE LEVEL OF OTHER NATIONS' PARTICIPATION--WHICH WE SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO--WOULD MAKE THIS LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATE.

6. (LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC) PARTY FUNERAL. ONLY RECENT PRECEDENT FOR LDP-ARRANGED FUNERAL WAS THAT FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER HOYATO IKEDA IN AUGUST 1965. AT THAT TIME, SO FAR AS WE CAN NOW DETERMINE, THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL OVERSEAS DELEGATIONS. AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN TOKYO REPRESENTED THEIR GOVERNMENT. BY CHANCE THEN US AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, EDWIN REISCHAUER, WAS ON HOME LEAVE AND THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY THEN CHARGE JOHN K. EMMERSON.

7. SHOULD THIS PATTERN AGAIN BE REPEATED, WE BELIEVE IT NOT ESSENTIAL TO SEND DELEGATION FROM THE US FOR THE FUNERAL. INSTEAD USG WOULD BE REPRESENTED FORMALLY BY AMBASSADOR. AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT ATTENDANCE BY OLD FRIENDS OF JAPAN SUCH AS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND FORMER AMBASSADORS REISCHAUER (AGAIN, IF HE IS ABLE TO TRAVEL), JOHNSON AND MEYER ARE LIKELY TO BOTH POSSIBLE FROM A PROTOCOL STANDPOINT AND DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE JAPANESE.

8. WE WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS SPECIFIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE DETERMINED HERE.

9. REF B JUST RECEIVED; ADDITIONAL ANSWER FOLLOWS
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